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1. Between 15 and 20 August 1954, 600 recruits arrived at the VP Sea school at Stralsund-Parow. All of them were graduates from high schools. The recruits were scheduled to pass their aptitude tests at the school and to receive their basic training there before being transferred to the VP Sea installation at the Schwedenschanze as cadets on 1 October 1954.
2. It was learned that officer candidates in their first year of service are called cadets, in the second year, "Faehnrich", and in their third year "Oberfaehnrich" (master sergeant). Military ranks which are considered to be secret must not be stated in their correspondence. Officer candidates who receive letters from West Germany must report at the office of the SSD in room No 89 of the administrative building where these letters are opened and read.
3. In September 1954, the students of three companies passed their semi-annual examinations. Four companies of students were in their third semester. They were originally scheduled to pass their final examination in March 1955. The date of this examination was, however, postponed to 1 September 1954.
4. The morale of the officer candidates at the Schwedenschanze was said to be rather low because they were overworked. Many of them, allegedly, have requested their discharge. There were many complaints about the poor food served. Leave was granted only every six months. Recently, many officer candidates were transferred to sanatoriums for treatment for tuberculosis.

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